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For: INJECTABLE BIOCOMPATIBLE AND BIODEGRADABLE
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE HYALURONIC
ACID DERIVATIVE, CHONDROGENIC CELL FOR TREATMENT
OF CARTILAGE DEFECTS

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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June 16, 2003

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
ITALY	PD98A000298	December 21, 1998

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